

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DG LEVEL TALKS WITH BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Director General, Border Security Forces level talks between India and Bangladesh were held in September, 2005;
- (b) if so, whether the issue of joint patrolling and confidence building measures was discussed thereat;
- (c) if so, the reaction of Bangladesh thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has hand over a list of Militant Training Camp operating in Bangladesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the response received from Bangladesh thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. Directors General level Border Coordination Conference was held in September, 2005 at New Delhi in which DG, BSF emphasized on promoting confidence building measures to include simultaneous coordinated patrolling, exchanges in the field of sports, culture and training, etc. The Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) agreed for the proposal. However mutually agreed draft modalities on simultaneous coordinated patrolling are yet to be formalized jointly by BSF and BDR.

(d) & (e) : A list of 172 camps of various Indian Insurgents Groups (IGs) which are reported to be existing inside Bangladesh territory was handed over to Bangladesh Rifles by the BSF during the last DG level Border Coordination Conference held in September, 2005. However, Bangladesh Rifles denied existence of any camps of IGs in Bangladesh territory. Bangladesh Rifles also reiterated that they do not provide any shelter or support to any organization or individual acting against the interest of any other country.